पोस्टस'' शीर्षक से छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि गत कुछ महीनों में केन्द्रीय सेवाओं के अंतर्गत संयुक्त सचिवों के लगभग 70 नए पद सृजित किए गए हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो जनवरी, 1993 तक ऐसी कितनी नियुक्तियां की गईं;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि इसके परिणामस्वरूप प्रशासनिक व्यय में वृद्धि होगी; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो कितनी ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त भार (श्रीमती मारग्रेट आल्वा) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Identification of some specified backward Districts for development activities

1310. SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified some specified backward districts for developmental activities; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government and the various financial institutions to reduce disparities in assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) Responsibility for identification of backward districts/areas and their development rests primarily with the concerned State Government. Most of the State Governments have identified such backward areas/districts. Schemes drawn up by them for development of these areas include incentives like capital investment subsidy, deferment/exemption of sale tax, subsidy for purchase of generating set etc.

The Central Government helps the State Government through the mechanism of transfer of resources under modified formula previously known as 'Gadgil Formula', under Special Area Programmes, and devolution of non-Plan resources by the Finance Commission.

Finance institutions like IDBI, IFCI & ICICI have some schemes of incentives comprising concessional rate of interest and underwriting commission, lower promoters' contribution and concession in commitment charges for backward districts.

NDC Committee on Medical Education in the country

1311. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the sub-committee set up by the NDC on medical education in the country has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by it; if not the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be submitted; and

(c) the composition of the committee and the number of times it has met, so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The work of the committee is under progress.

(c) The composition of the committee is as follows:—

1. Chief Minister, Maharashtra	Chairman
2. Chief Minister, Orissa	Member
3. Chief Minister, Rajasthan	Member
4. Chief Minister, Karnataka	Member
5. Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh	Member
6. Union Minister for Human Resource Development	Member
7. Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare	Member
8. Union Minister for Finance	Member
9. Prof. J.S. Bajaj, Member, Planning Commission	Convenor

The meeting of the Committee has been convened once.

Disparity in per capita Central assistance to Gujarat

1312. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount of per capita Central assistance given to Gujarat and other States during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) what are the reasons for disparity in such allocation; and

(c) whether the same is proposed to be removed during Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Per capita Central Assistance allocated to Gujarat and other States for the Seventh Five Year Plan is shown in the Statement I attached. (*See* below)

(b) The disparity in the allocations is due to the criteria embodied in the modified Gadgil formula announced in the National Development Council (NDC) for distribution of Central assistance to the States during that period, shown in Statement-II. (*See* below).

(c) In the light of suggestions made by the Chief Ministers of several States, including that of Gujarat, who are members of the National Development Council, the modified Gadgil formula has been revised by the NDC in December, 1991 and new formula, shown in the Statement II attached, will be applicable during the Eighth Plan.

Statement-I

Allocation of Central Assistance (Gross) under modified Gadgil Formula—Seventh Plan (1985—90)

State	Amount (Rs. crores)	Per Capita (Rs.)
1	2	3
(A) *Special Category*	(At 1984-85 prices)	
1. Assam	2057.08	1407
2. Himachal Pradesh	781.93	2260
3. Jammu & Kashmir	1820.68	3943
4. Manipur	545.00	5079